

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

EXCITEMENT AT HIGHLANDS.

Members Attend a Reunion—One Killed—Threats to Burn the Town—Towns Ready to Burn.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

RALPH, N. C., March 24.—A bad state of affairs is said to exist at the pretty town of Highlands, Macon county. The place is settled by people from the New England States and from other parts of this State. As it is near the border of Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina, desperadoes from those States have gathered there in the winter to the great annoyance of the quiet and law-abiding residents. These disorderly people ride through the town discharging fire-arms in regular cowboy style. Most of the evil-doers come from east Tennessee. They have established illicit distilleries in the wild region around Highlands. The people who hang around these distilleries are in creating disorder. The people of Highlands, finally becoming disgusted at the bad work done by the distilleries, have given information to the authorities as to the location of the stills. The United States deputy collector and a posse made arrests of a number of the ringleaders and took them to Highlands. The party were all at the hotel, when suddenly there arrived a mob of mounted men which had come from Georgia. The mob rode into town and attacked the deputy marshal. They were repulsed by the revenue men, who killed one of them, William Ramsey, and badly wounded two others, who are missing information by many believed to have been killed. The attacking party after their repulse scattered in all directions. Since that time they and their friends have made all sorts of threats against the people of Highlands. They declare that they will kill the residents and burn their houses. The people have been aroused, expecting an attack. Finally they notified Governor Scales of the condition of affairs. He has ordered Solicitor G. F. Ferguson of that judicial district, and Adjutant-General Johnstone Jones to go to Highlands and thoroughly investigate the entire matter, to ascertain if the civil officers are masters of the situation, and if not, to use troops, which are at Asheville and Waynesville ready for duty.

The people of that section of the State are justly indignant at this incursion of the moonshiners and desperadoes from other States into North Carolina. They are making that mountainous section of the border a refuge whenever pursued, and their course tends to bring law-abiding and honest people into disrepute. The matter has been kept quiet. The Attorney-General of the State told your correspondent to-day that the authorities of North Carolina will spare no effort to drive such disturbers of the peace from her border.

A CASE THAT PUZZLES PHYSICIANS.

A case of paralysis at Newwood, in this State, puzzles the physicians. A ten-year-old daughter of Martin McSwain for three months has been in bed entirely motionless and speechless. She cannot even move her eye-lids, but can swallow liquids when they are put in her mouth. Her condition is the result of a severe attack of diphtheria.

Appointments by the President and Secretary of the Interior.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Henry L. Muldrow, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior; William A. J. Sparks, of Illinois, Commissioner of the General Land Office; Daniel McConville, of Ohio, to be Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department.

Henry Lowndes Muldrow, whose nomination as Assistant Secretary of the Interior was sent to the Senate this afternoon, is a native of Mississippi and a lawyer by profession. He was graduated at the University of Mississippi in 1861, held various positions in the line, and at the close of the war surrendered at Forsythe, Ga., as colonel of cavalry. He held the position of District Attorney for the Sixth Judicial district of Mississippi from 1869 to 1871, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1875. He was a representative from Mississippi in the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, and Forty-eighth congresses, but was not re-elected to the Forty-ninth. In the last Congress Mr. Muldrow was chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims and member of the Committee on District of Columbia.

William A. J. Sparks, the new Commissioner of the General Land Office, was born near New Albany, Ind., November 19, 1828; in 1850; attended country schools, labored on the farm, and taught school; was graduated at McKendree College, Illinois; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1851; was United States land receiver from 1853 to 1856; was subsequently presidential elector; member of the Illinois Legislature in 1857; delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1868; and was a member of the House of Representatives from 1875 to March 3, 1883, declining to seek reelection during his last term of service in Congress. He was a member of the Military Committee and of the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department.

Mr. McConville, who was nominated to be Sixth Auditor of the Treasury (assigned to the Post-Office Department), is a resident of Steubenville, Ohio, and holds the county, Ohio, and State senatorial offices of private secretary to Governor Hoadly. He has always taken an active part in politics, and for several years has served on the Democratic State Executive Committee. He is about forty-two years of age.

Extra Session of the Senate.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The Senate reassembled to-day at noon, and the Vice-President laid before it several communications and memorials relating to matters in the western States and Territories.

At 12:10 the Senate went into secret session for the purpose, it is supposed, of considering the Weil and La Abra treaty with Mexico.

The discussion was brought to an end by a half-an-hour's speech by Senator Sherman, who opposed the treaty. No vote was taken. There were about a dozen senators in the chamber when, at 12:30, the doors were reopened.

Presidential of James H. Berry, of Arkansas, were presented to the Senate by the Vice-President.

Fourteen and Spooner were presented by the Chairmen of the Judiciary and Naval Academy committees.

At 1:30 the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

General Sherman's Notes.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, March 24.—A communication, consisting of Joseph Packard and William W. Spooner, representing Civil Service Commission, was presented to the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate.

At 1:30 the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

Died of a Similar Disease.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

DETROIT, Mich., March 24.—Captain James Dalton, a pioneer, aged fifty-seven, died at Montague, in this State, Sunday of cancer in the mouth identical in nature with that now afflicting General Grant. Several operations failed to remove the disease.

Albert Graham, a boy of fifteen, living at Montville, Pa., committed suicide last night by hanging. The boy had been playing baseball during the afternoon, and was reprimanded by his parents. It is supposed, (2) to the suicide.

VIRGINIA COUPON CASES.

THE ARGUMENT YESTERDAY.

Mr. Merrick Concludes—Mr. Swaine's Arguments—Attorney-General Garland's Speech Commenced.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—In the United States Supreme Court to-day Mr. Merrick concluded the argument begun by him yesterday on behalf of the State of Virginia in the coupon-tax cases. He was followed by Mr. Swaine, who argued the cases for the bondholders, and by Attorney-General Garland, who appeared on behalf of the State. In continuing his argument to-day Mr. Merrick cited numerous authorities in support of the theory advanced by him yesterday that the coupons of the character of those provided for by the funding act of 1871 are really bills of credit, and fall within the inhibition of that provision of the Constitution of the United States which forbids States to emit bills of credit. He then addressed himself to the question of the jurisdiction of the court in these cases, and contended that the court is without jurisdiction, this being really a suit against the State of Virginia, though nominally against the tax-collecting officers of the State. The defense upon which the State, he said, is willing to rest the case is that under the local laws of Virginia these actions of tort against collectors could not be maintained. He admitted that the other side claims that the law of the State which forbids these actions is null and void, because it is in conflict with the federal act of 1871, but he contended that the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which says that no person shall be deprived of his property without due process of law; but he pointed out that the prohibition of these actions of tort against collectors is by due process of law. The State, he said, has, by the acts of 1882 and 1884, undertaken to have the claims against it on these coupons annulled, and it has provided that no action shall be brought against its officers for enforcing the provisions of those laws. Such acts, he argued, are not in contravention of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, and he added, there is no guarantee in that amendment that property shall not be wrongfully taken, simply that it shall not be taken without due process of law. The act of the State, he said, is simple: That finding that the coupons are a contribution to the fund being raised here for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers, this generous act is highly appreciated by the Society.

General Grant's Condition.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, March 24.—General Grant was very restless the first part of last night, but slept pretty well during the latter part. He arose about 7:30 o'clock this morning, and sat in a chair before the window of his sleeping-room during the forenoon. He dozed and slept at intervals. He said this morning that he felt very comfortable but very tired.

A Generous Act.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, March 24.—George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, has sent his check for \$100 to the treasurer as a contribution to the fund being raised here for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers. This generous act is highly appreciated by the Society.

Death of an Ex-Secretary of the Interior.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 24.—Hon. Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior under President Buchanan, died this afternoon at his residence, in this city, in his seventy-fifth year. The funeral will take place next Thursday.

Refused to Change the Time.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—In the Senate to-day the bill changing the time for holding the municipal election in the city of New York from fall to spring was defeated.

Carter Harrison Renominated.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, March 24.—The Democratic City Convention this afternoon renominated Carter H. Harrison for mayor by acclamation and William M. Devine for treasurer.

Lighthouse Burned.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Lighthouse Board has received information from the inspector of the Fifth district that the Lighthouse on Ronoke inlet, N. C., was destroyed by fire on the 21st instant.

A Famous Chief Among the Killed.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—The body of Sheikh Faghih, one of Osman Digma's most famous chiefs, was discovered among the ruins of the city of Bakhda, which he had been too good to me. Good-bye them, and may He watch over them. Ask all the boys to forgive me for the way I have treated them.

Excitement Among Irish Students.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

DUBLIN, March 24.—There is some excitement here to-day due to the announcement that a number of medical students had stolen the Mansion House flag because of the recent threat of Lord Mayor O'Connor to lower the colors during the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 8th of April.

The Situation Still Very Critical.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

LONDON, March 24.—A Cabinet council was held this evening. It is understood that a reply of a somewhat unfavorable nature has been received from the Russian Government in relation to the Afghan frontier question. The situation is still very critical.

Extensive Naval Preparations.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

LONDON, March 24.—The Government officials at Chatham have been ordered to prepare for immediate service a large draft of the transport corps, which it is supposed will be sent to Smakim. Chatham officials have also been suddenly ordered to put an iron-clad on commission.

From the Sudan.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—The Egyptian troops will be shipped back to Cairo to-morrow. A prisoner report that Osman Digma's men at Tamai are sending into the hills and preparing to make a desperate resistance to the British advance. The Shropshire regiment, accompanied by convoy, has started to join General McNeill at the Hashen zereba.

A Whipping-Post for New Jersey.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

A Trenton (N. J.) special says: The bill to punish a wife-beater with thirty lashes on his bare back occasioned a serio-comic debate in the Assembly to-night. Mr. Jenkins, of Morris, who introduced the bill, said he didn't care whether it passed or not. Mr. Gangever, of Burlington, thought the bill was no opposition to beating men who beat women. Mr. Keasby, a Newark bachelor, said he would vote with the majority, having had no experience of his own on the subject. Mr. Besson, of Hoboken, pointed proudly to Delaware for its vigorous dealings with wife-beaters. He added that locking them up only deprives the wife of her husband's support. After a further flood of gallant oratory the bill passed—279 to 13. Opponent of the bill received a vigorous sally. Bachelors Jenkins, who introduced the bill, voted with the negative side.

The Cron and the Farmers.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

Every man with a gun seems to like to shoot at a crow simply because it is black. His meat isn't good to eat and it is not so much of an enemy to the farmer as some try to show, notwithstanding that it will take an egg or a hill of corn once in a while. One of these days when the crows and other birds get a little scarce farmers and a good many others will wish there were more of them to kill the bags and insects.

Matters in Parliament.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

LONDON, March 24.—In the House of Lords this evening Baron Grenville gave notice that he would ask the Duke

LATE WEATHER REPORT.

(Special Telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—1:30 A. M. For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather in southern portion, followed by fair weather, westerly winds, rising barometer, preceded in extreme southern portion by slight fall, slightly colder, preceded on coast by rising temperature.

For the South Atlantic States, fair weather, followed during night or Thursday morning by local rains, variable winds.

THE ELECTORAL BOARDS.

A Republican Registrar in Petersburg Refuses to Give His Bills.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., March 24.—The State Legislature on the 23d of last November appointed E. C. Venale, C. A. Jackson, and R. C. Gilliam (all Democrats) as the Electoral Board of this city. This Board on the 18th of last February appointed T. K. Clements (Democrat) as registrar of the Second ward. After his appointment Clements applied to R. T. Stone, Jr., the Republican registrar, for the registration-books, which Stone refused to surrender, claiming that the Board which appointed Clements was not legally elected and that no act done by it is lawful, hence he (Clements) has no right to demand or receive from said Stone official property in his possession. In the Hastings Court to-day Clements, through counsel, filed a lengthy petition praying the Court to compel Stone to surrender the books. On presentation of the petition the Court issued a rule for Stone to show cause why a mandamus should not be issued against him. The rule was made returnable at the April term of the court.

The Weather in Richmond Yesterday

was clear and cold.

Range of Thermometer Yesterday.

6 A. M. 23
9 A. M. 32
Noon 48
3 P. M. 51
6 P. M. 45
Midnight 35

Mean temperature 39

TRAGEDY IN ALEXANDRIA.

A Washington Printer Attends Suicide—Measures Taken for His Wife and Friends.

An Alexandria (Va.) special of yesterday says: A stranger named James Dougherty, a colored man, the second-hand store of R. Rafferty, on King street, between Washington and Columbus streets, this morning, and while there shot himself in the left breast with a pistol which he found loaded in Mr. Rafferty's stock. The shooting was intentional and will probably prove fatal. Drs. Powell and Smith rendered surgical aid.

Dougherty was a printer at the Government Printing Office, in Washington, and resides at 920 First street, northwest, where his family—a wife and several children—are now living. He has been here, as near as can be ascertained, for about a week, and has not been successful in policy. He went into Mr. Rafferty's shop shortly after 8 o'clock this morning and asked to see a pistol. A revolver was shown him by Dougherty. He then asked for a shell to see if it fit. Young Dougherty offered to load the pistol, but Dougherty said, "No, I'll put it in," and as the lad handed him the load he put it in the pistol, and said, "I'll take this," unbuttoning his coat as if to get the money, but in a second he placed the pistol near his left nipple and drove the shot through his lung to the edge of the shoulder-blade, fracturing the fourth rib on the way. Assistance was soon procured. Dr. William M. Smith found the ball, and with the assistance of Lieutenant James Smith and Mr. George Appich took out the ball, to which a fragment of the rib was still attached. The wounded man was kindly cared for by Mrs. Rafferty, and still lies in a critical condition.

MESSAGES WRITTEN TO HIS WIFE AND FRIENDS.

The wounded man delivered to the lieutenant of police several papers, as follows:

(One for his wife written upon the back of a paper of policy-numbers.)

"Do not grieve for me, Julia, for I am not worthy to be called husband. Kiss all the little ones for me, and make them attend to religious duties. Your faithful husband, J. M."

"Here is one week's wages."

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

New York, March 24.—The stock market has again been active and feverish. The street has been well supplied with rumors throughout the day, some of which have proved to have more or less foundation. In fact, the opening was irregular, but the market was soon strengthened, and the best prices of the day were generally made in the first hour. St. Paul closed lower on the growing impression that the dividend would be passed. Jersey Central was also weak and 2 1/2 lower. Northwestern, Vanderbilts, and Gould stocks were strong. The last named, with the exception of Union Pacific, have been very quiet. Gould is expected back to-morrow, but his friends say he will probably have little to do with stocks at present. The third most active was Union Pacific, which appears to have lost all its friends among the bull party. A small boom was gotten up in Lackawanna, and at the close it was the only active stock showing again. Other stocks closed as follows, except Lake Shore, which is unchanged, and New York Central, which is the strongest stock in the list and higher. Sales, 295,000 shares.

Noon.—Stocks weak and easy. Money 1 per cent. Exchange—Long, 48 1/2; short, 48 1/2. Governments steady. States quiet.

Evening.—Exchange, 48 1/2. Money, 1 1/2 per cent. Sub-Treasury balances—Gold, \$145,396; currency, \$24,546. Governments unchanged; 4 per cent, 122 1/2; 3 per cent, 101 1/2. State bonds firm.